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Unimaginable to the Imaginable

From the Arab Spring to the American Fall, the fruits of RESISTance are in season

By Saif Rahman

Though it's small, doesn't have that many windows and is only on the second floor—the best view in all of the United States might be from the RESIST office.

You see, sometimes the view is better from the ground. Watching 2011 unfold through the eyes of the activists and organizers across this country that RESIST supports has been nothing short of phenomenal. They are the ones who year after year are imbedded on the front lines. They are the ones fighting every single day for social, political, economic and ecological justice in this country. And we here at RESIST have been fortunate enough to have a front row seat to witness this movement bloom. Grassroots groups are the ones who planted the seeds for the moment in history that we now find ourselves in. Without them, none of this would have been possible.

45 years ago RESIST was founded in the midst of another major political shift in this country. In 1967 a few men and women came together with a bold idea: to put out an open call to resist the Vietnam War and to support those who refused to fight in it. 20,000 people eventually joined the likes of Noam Chomsky, William Sloan Coffin, Howard Zinn and Marcus Raskin and signed the now famous "A Call To Resist Illegitimate Authority."

Four and a half decades later, RESIST is still here, though the breadth and depth of our work has gotten a bit wider and

deeper. The first *Newsletter* of the year traditionally recaps our year in grant-making. It's the one issue where every grantee is listed, with a brief description of their work. On paper, this is a collage of grassroots groups whose issues and work overlap at the edges. But from our window at RESIST, we know it is actually much, much more.

The groups listed on these pages are a community—a community of activists, agitators, educators, protesters, organizers and resisters who not only believe another world is possible, but are the ones actively building it.

The revolution can be funded

While the grant-making of most foundations has dwindled or has remained stagnant the past few years, RESIST has been able to exceed our fundraising goals. And unlike other foundations that have endowments or massively invest in the market, we believe that the money we raise should go directly to grassroots groups.

We are proud to say that this past year we broke many of our own records. We allocated more money than ever before, \$342,935 to 130 grassroots organizations. This comes after we were able to increase our maximum grant amount by 30% last year.

These groups were spread out in 35 dif-



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RESIST grantee Matahari: Eye of the Day released a must read book for activists in 2011 entitled, *The Revolution Starts At Home: Confronting Intimate Violence Within Activist Communities*.

ferent states across the country (see chart on page 10 for geographic distribution) and with continued support, we are on course to support groups in all 50 states in the next few years.

The reason for this success is simple: the groups that we fund are some of the best in the country and our donors and supporters

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know this.

They know in an ever changing world, there are fundamental beliefs which will always stay consistent at RESIST. We fund groups that most other foundations won't. While most funders tend not to touch organizations whose politics and activities fall outside of what they deem "acceptable", RESIST just does just the opposite. We fund organizations who aim for systemic change and utilize a variety of tactics, from popular education to non-violent civil disobedience.

Other foundations also tend to fund organizations who have a minimum budget, while RESIST looks at it the other way and funds truly grassroots organizations that have a maximum budget of \$150,000. In addition, grant-makers have tended to concentrate their support to cities on the coasts, where RESIST aims to fund dynamic groups all over the country, from the smallest towns in middle America to ones in urban centers.

Special grants

Every year RESIST has the privilege to connect a few of our current grantees to the history and legacy of special organizers and activists who have Tribute and Memorial Grants named in their honor.

The Ed Baker Memorial Fund honors

the work of the law professor and civil rights activist C. Edwin Baker. Ed was committed to the belief that the values of individual liberty, equality, and non-coercive freedom of expression are essential to real democracy. He was an opponent of the concentration of media control and the loss of investigative reporting. This year the grant went to The People's Press Project in Moorhead, Minnesota for their work addressing media justice issues in rural North Dakota and Minnesota.

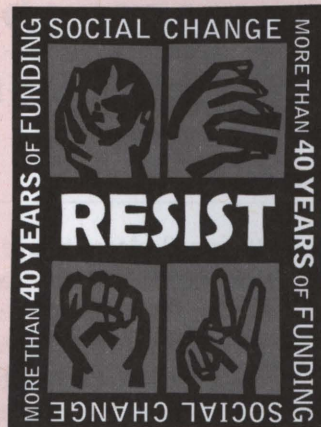
The Arthur Raymond Cohen Memorial Grant is given to groups who support many of the issues that Arthur was committed to: the opposition to the arms race and US intervention abroad, support for civil liberties and the struggle for workers' rights. Kansas City Peace Planters Project epitomizes these convictions by working to end the production of nuclear weapons in Kansas City and fighting for justice for plant workers who have endured the consequences of having these production sites in their communities.

The Ken Hale Tribute Grant is dedicated to one of RESIST's founders who was also one of the world's foremost linguists and activists for justice. This grant is given to support organizations that ensure that the voices of those most affected are given primacy in the struggle to protect and expand civil, cultural and political rights,

with a high priority given to the efforts of indigenous peoples. This year, Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates was awarded this grant for their working organizing and advocating for the basic rights of all immigrants.

The Leslie D'Cora Holmes Memorial Fund supports organizations that embody the characteristics, values, and principles

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"Immigrants' Rights Are Workers' Rights" rally and march co-organized by Portland Central America Solidarity Committee.



Young Scholars for Justice, a project of People Organized in Defense of Mother Earth, protesting immigrant detentions in Austin, Texas.

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that reflect the spirit-filled mission of Leslie D'Cora Holmes, including: self-determination through education and community organizing; harmonization of diverse communities of interest; actualization and recognition of individual potential; courage of conviction; and pride in culture, community and self. 9to5 Los Angeles was selected for their work on economic justice for women through advocacy, public education, leadership development and direct action campaigns.

The Sharon Kurtz Memorial Fund is committed to building a movement for justice in the workplace by addressing race, class and gender in the fight for workers' rights. Recipient Workers Dignity Project does just this by empowering and organizing low-wage worker in Nashville, Tennessee to act collectively for economic justice.

The Mike Riegle Tribute Grant is given in memory of the life and work of local Boston activist Mike Riegle. Mike was a supporter of prisoners' rights and gay and lesbian liberation. This grant went to Alabama Women's Resource Network who has been fighting to reduce the women's prison population in Alabama and to criminal justice system reform.

The Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund supports "organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings" and was given to the Crawford Stewardship Project to monitor the impact of factory hog farms on the health, environ-

ment and economy of local communities in a rural area of Wisconsin.

We can win

Just like 2011, this year undoubtedly will present its share of challenges. But when one watches videos from Tahrir Square, sees pictures from various Occupy encampments, or reads stories from the pages of the *Newsletter*, one can't help to think that maybe, just maybe, *we are winning*.

Thanks to this community of activists we forge ahead into 2012 with unprecedented momentum. We know the rights of immigrants, workers, women, indigenous peoples and people of color will continue to come under attack. The trickle up economy, environmental destruction and the drumbeat of war are not going away without resistance, organizing and imagination.

Amidst all of this, the *Newsletter* will continue to share our window to the world through the stories of our grantees who are building a better world from the ground up. And after 45 years of this view, one thing is clear—if we aren't winning, *we can win*.

Cesar Chavez said it best, "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours."

Saif Rahman is the Director of Communications at RESIST.

Special Contributions in 2011

Each year, many RESIST supporters honor their colleagues, family, friends and mentors by making contributions in their names. As is our custom, RESIST acknowledges those individuals in the list below and celebrates the spirit and convictions of these individuals, along with many others who remain unnamed but have affected us—personally and as a movement—by their tenacity, humor, love and passion.

In Honor Of

Robin Carton
Noam Chomsky
John & Chris Coggin
Seth Edwards
Len Kaminsky
Louis Kampf
Malika A McCray

David Myers
Jenna Niedbala
Fred-2 Pincus
Cora Roelofs
Nick Thorkelson & Cynthia Bargar
Camilo Viveiros
Solan Wolf

In Memory Of

Arthur Alexander
Rita Arditi
Karen Kinz Briggs
Carol Carton
William C Copeland
Gora C De
Marie A Giunta
Grace Goodside
Amy J Grabel
Kenneth Hale
Sam & Jane Karman

Sharon Kurtz
Bobbie Ortiz
Richard Roast
Rabbi Michael Robinson
Helen Siegel
Doris & Ray Siever
The 146 who died in The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
Sr Catalina TheOtherOne
Rudolph von Abele
Felice Yeskel

RESIST's 2011 Grant Recipients

Funding organizing work for social, economic, racial and environmental justice

Below is a list of organizations which received funding from RESIST in 2011, along with a brief description of their work. These grants, divided below by grant category, are made possible by the generosity and commitment of RESIST's thousands of donors. For information about types of grants and grant guidelines, see page 11.

CENTRAL and LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee. *Portland, Oregon.* \$2,500 to mobilize workers and students in the fight for human rights and social justice in Latin America and in Oregon.

Witness for Peace—Southeast. *Raleigh, North Carolina.* \$2,000 to support peace, justice and sustainable economies by changing US policies and corporate practices in Latin America and the Caribbean.

COMMUNITY and ANTI-RACISM ORGANIZING

A Community Voice. *New Orleans, Louisiana.* \$2,500 to organize low to moderate income families to fight for social and economic justice in their

local communities and across the state.

Activist Training Institute. *Boston Massachusetts.* \$2,000 to help build a movement of Asian Pacific American youth by doing trainings, organizing and activism.

Alliance of South Asians Taking Action. *San Francisco, California.* \$2,000 to educate, organize and empower South Asian communities to end violence, oppression, racism and exploitation in the Bay Area.

Center for Justice, Peace, and Environment. *Fort Collins, Colorado.* \$4,000 to organize for peace and social/ environmental justice through direct action, education and community-empowerment. \$500 to stop an eviction for a housing development. *Multi-year Grant. Emergency Grant.*

Central Oregon Peace Network. *Bend, Oregon.* \$1,300 to work for peace by opposing militarism, human rights abuses and environmental degradation through educational and community organizing.

Chattanooga Organized for Action. *Chattanooga, Tennessee.* \$3,000 to give people the tools they need to wage successful campaigns through direct action.

Coalition for Educational Justice. *Los Angeles, California.* \$1,500 to challenge institutional racism and inequities that exist within the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Countywide Family Development Center. *Laurel, Mississippi.* \$2,500 to use direct organizing campaigns to build power for immigrant justice.

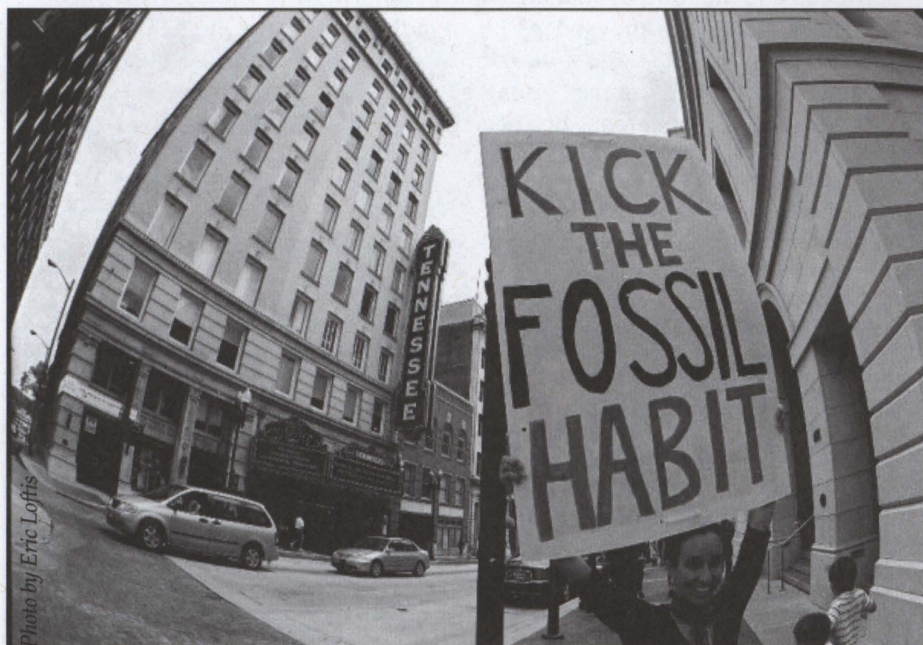
Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace. *Sewanee, Tennessee.* \$2,000 to educate, empower and take action for social, cultural and environmental change locally, nationally and globally.

Faith Action for Community Equity Maui. *Kihei, Hawaii.* \$2,000 to build leadership in underrepresented communities and mobilize people of color to advocate for better policies that improve quality of life.

Jobs with Justice—Kentucky. *Louisville, Kentucky.* \$500 in emergency funding to share organizing strategies to defeat the newly passed anti-immigrant legislation in Georgia. *Emergency Grant.*

Manufactured Home Owners of America Association. *Seattle, Washington.* \$2,000 to improve living conditions for people who own their homes but not the land underneath them by challenging unfair state and local laws.

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Grantee United Mountain Defense in Knoxville, Tennessee helped ignite the anti-mountain top removal movement in Appalachia which then launched national opposition to the destructive practice.

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MataHari: Eye of the Day. Boston, Massachusetts. \$4,000 to mobilize, advocate and create safe spaces for survivors of labor exploitation, trafficking, racism, heterosexism and sexual, societal and familial oppression.

Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates. St. Louis, Missouri. \$4,000 to organize and advocate for the basic rights of all immigrants.

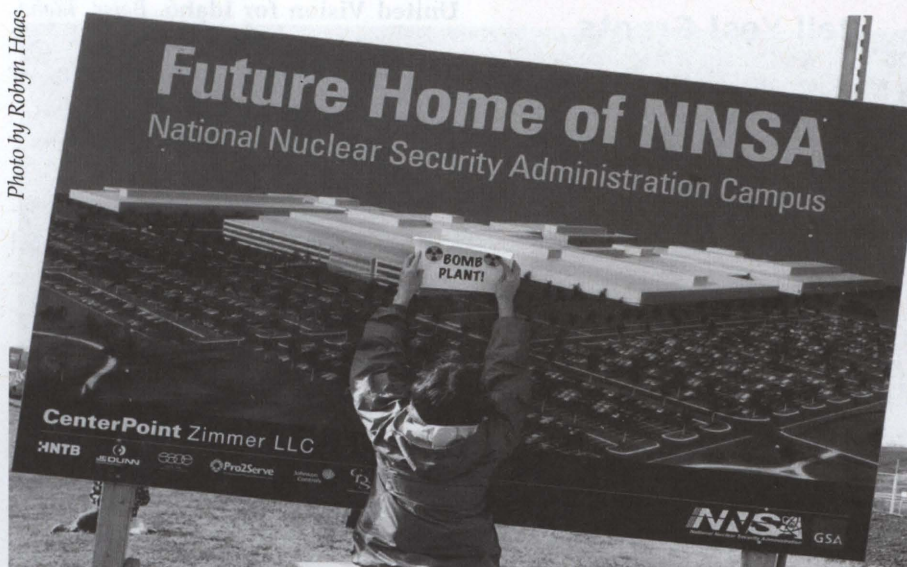
Nashville Homeless Power Project. Nashville, Tennessee. \$1,000 to organize current and formerly homeless people and their allies to eradicate homelessness and poverty in Nashville.

National Alliance of HUD Tenants. Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. \$1,800 to provide a national training and field support system to ensure that local organizers and tenant leaders have the tools they need for effective organizing.

Nebraskans for Peace. Lincoln, Nebraska. \$3,500 to work nonviolently for peace with justice through community building, education and political action.

Nodutdol for Korean Community Development. Woodside, New York. \$4,000 to build a politically active Korean

Photo by Robyn Haas



The Kansas City Plant Accountability Project renames the National Nuclear Security Administration to what it actually is: "Bomb Plant."

community in New York through campaigns for increased social, economic, and educational justice.

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. Spokane, Washington. \$3,000 to involve individuals and local communities in building foundations for a just and non-violent world.

Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Bangor, Maine. \$4,000 to link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social and environmental

justice issues in Eastern Maine. Multi-year Grant.

People's Durham. Durham, North Carolina. \$3,000 to increase community control of the public sector and democratic decision-making power of working class communities of color.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. Colorado Springs, Colorado. \$2,000 to educate and raise awareness around issues of environmental, social and economic justice

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts. Amherst, Massachusetts. \$3,000 to unite students, staff, faculty, alumni and parents to advocate for an accessible, affordable and well funded public higher education system.

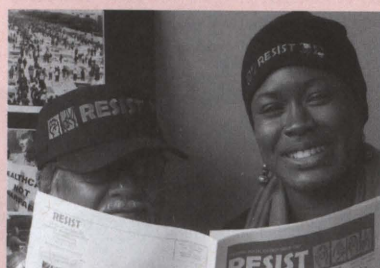
Somali Bantu Community Mutual Assistance Association of Lewiston/Auburn Maine. Lewiston, Maine. \$1,000 to advocate for the rights of Somali Bantu immigrants in their local community.

Southside Together Organizing for Power. Chicago, Illinois. \$4,000 to organize for economic and social human rights by developing leadership among people most affected by economic and racial oppression.

Tennessee Alliance for Progress. Nashville, Tennessee. \$3,000 to build healthy families and communities in Tennessee and \$500 to enable staff to participate in the Rockwood Leadership Institute's

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Hell Yes! Grants

The "Hell Yes!" Grant honors the spirit of resistance to illegitimate authority and is awarded to groups that embody the moral clarity, courage and political commitment to challenge the forces that drive toward war and place profits above people. This year, RESIST's board designated 10 groups as "Hell Yes!"

recipients:

Civilian Soldier Alliance
Baltimore, Maryland

Fort Hood Support Network
Austin, Texas

GI Voice
Lakewood, Washington

MataHari: Eye of the Day
Boston, Massachusetts

New York State Prisoner Justice Network
Albany, New York

Pride at Work - San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens
 Ider, Alabama

The STAY Project
Whitesburg, Kentucky

The Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Voz Hispana Causa Cesar Chavez
Woodburn, Oregon

Advanced Art of Leadership training. **Texans United for Families.** *Austin, Texas.* \$2,000 to end immigrant detention and to demand the recognition of human rights for all, regardless of immigration status.

The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho. *Boise, Idaho.* \$4,000 to work on the interrelations between racism, classism, sexism, and heterosexism in Idaho. \$500 for members to attend the Western States Center's organizer's boot camp. *Technical Assistnace Grant.*

The Policy Institute. *Helena, Montana.* \$2,000 for a progressive policy think-tank that provides support and expertise for activist agendas organizing against corporate economics.

Umatilla Morrow Alternatives. *Hermiston, Oregon.* \$4,000 to fight discrimination by developing leadership among communities of color and GLBT populations.

United Campus Ministry. *Athens, Ohio.*
\$3,000 to organize for social justice
among faith-based communities and
allies in Appalachian Southeast Ohio.

United Vision for Idaho. *Boise, Idaho.* \$2,000 to improve infrastructure of grassroots groups and the skills of their leaders and mobilize collaborative issue campaigns to change public policy.

Voz Hispana Causa Cesar Chavez. *Woodburn, Oregon.* \$4,000 to advance local Latino political power and advocate for more responsiveness in the Woodburn Public Schools.

Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. *Madison, Wisconsin.* \$4,000 to bring together organizations and individuals working toward a sustainable world, free from violence and injustice.

Wyoming Association of Churches.
Laramie, Wyoming. \$2,600 to promote spiritual growth, stewardship of the land and social justice.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Arise for Social Justice. *Springfield, Massachusetts.* \$4,000 to organize poor, homeless, at-risk, working, unemployed people for voting rights, housing, health care and criminal justice. \$500 for housing rights in the wake of a recent tornado. *Multi-year Grant. Emergency Grant.*

Chainbreaker Collective. *Santa Fe, New Mexico.* \$2,500 to expand access to affordable transportation and support economically and ecologically sustainable communities for low-income people in Northern New Mexico.

Direct Action Welfare Group. Charleston, West Virginia. \$500 to organize poor people to actively participate in the Occupy Movement events in West Virginia. *Emergency Grant.*

Economic Justice Coalition. *Athens, Georgia.* \$4,000 to organize around economic disparities and and for a living wage and health care. \$500 to coordinate the

efforts of Occupy Athens with other local economic justice groups. *Multi-year Grant. Emergency Grant.*

Low-Income Self-Help Center. *San Jose, California.* \$1,500 to empower, educate and organize the diverse low-income communities of Silicon Valley to fight for economic rights and justice.

Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending. *Worcester, Massachusetts.* \$2,000 to address the sub-prime foreclosure crisis affecting homeowners and tenants in Massachusetts through legislation, organizing, and education.

Minnesota Citizens Federation - Northeast. *Duluth, Minnesota.* \$2,000 to work towards economic justice with a particular focus on creating affordable health care for everyone.

Occupy Boston. *Boston, Massachusetts.*
\$500 to combat the negative media
that surrounded the eviction of Oc-
cupy Boston after a recent court ruling.
Emergency Grant.

Operation Welcome Home. *Madison, Wisconsin.* \$4,000 for a collaborative of homeless and previously homeless people of color working for social justice and self-determination. *Multi-year Grant.*

Survivors, Inc. Mattapan, Massachusetts. \$1,000 to empower low-income women to advocate for humane welfare policies with a goal of attaining economic and social justice.

Working for Equality and Economic

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The Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania works to break the school to prison pipeline by using art and providing workshops to imprisoned youth. This piece is from a young person in Philadelphia prison system.

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Liberation. *Helena, Montana.* \$2,000 to engage those affected by poverty to change the policies and practices that affect them.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Beyond Toxics. *Eugene, Oregon.* \$4,000 to expose the root causes of toxic pollution and to help Oregon communities find solutions that protect human and environmental health. *Multi-year Grant.*

Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping. *Albuquerque, New Mexico.* \$3,000 to educate and organize around issues of nuclear contamination and the impact of the nuclear industry in New Mexico.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger. *Merrimac, Wisconsin.* \$4,000 to clean up toxic waste at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and create a healthy and sustainable future. *Multi-year Grant.*

Crawford Stewardship Project. *Gays Mills, Wisconsin.* \$4,000 to monitor the impact of factory hog farms on the health, environment and economy of local communities.

Defense Depot Of Memphis Tennessee—Concerned Citizens. *Memphis, Tennessee.* \$3,000 to work for environmental justice in communities contaminated by military waste.

Kootenai Environmental Alliance. *Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.* \$2,000 to conserve, protect, and restore the environment in Northern Idaho, particularly the Coeur d'Alene basin.

Nuclear Energy Information Service. *Chicago, Illinois.* \$500 emergency funding to hold two demonstrations at the World Nuclear Fuel Cycle conference in Chicago.

People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources. *Austin, Texas.* \$4,000 to organize for environmental justice in East Austin.

Philadelphia Right to Know Committee. *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.* \$3,000 to organize against toxic emissions and exposure to hazardous waste released by local oil refineries and the Defense Personnel Supply Center.

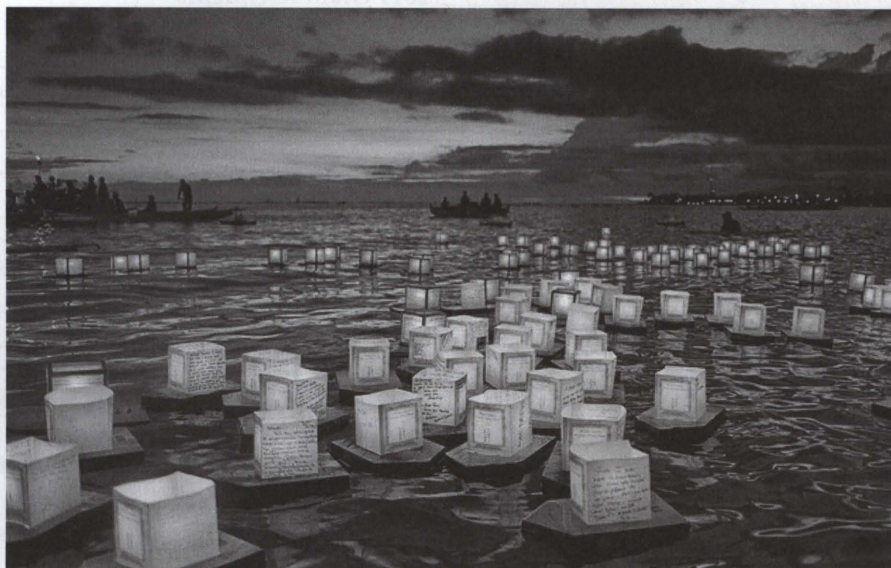


Photo by Dwight Morita

This photo comes from our grantee FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Buddhist monks and church volunteers help to launch a small armada of lanterns to memorialize those that have passed. Each are inscribed with sentiments from family and friends.

Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens. *Ider, Alabama.* \$4,000 to organize against the growth of the corporate swine industry in densely populated rural areas of Alabama and the surrounding states. *Multi-year Grant.*

Silver Valley Community Resource Center. *Kellogg, Idaho.* \$1,500 to educate local residents about the toxic waste

found at the Bunker Hill Superfund site and counter the misinformation and harassment generated by local corporations and media who oppose the clean up.

South Bay Communities Alliance. *Coden, Alabama.* \$500 to attend a training program to gain skills to continue building

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Grant Distribution by Category

*While useful, the divisions below do not paint a complete picture of RESIST grantees. RESIST does not fund organizations by category and prefers to fund groups that organize across issue areas. Categorizing the grants, however, can be helpful for tracking trends in funding across years.

Grant Category	# of grants	% of Total
Community Organizing & Anti-Racism	39	28%
Prisoners' Rights	15	14%
Environmental Justice	13	11%
Economic Justice	13	7%
Labor & Employment Rights	11	10%
Peace & Antimilitarism	10	9%
Health, AIDS & Disability Rights	6	5%
GLBTQ	6	5%
Women's Rights	5	3%
Youth Rights	4	4%
Central, Latin America & Caribbean	2	1%
Media & Culture	2	1%
Middle East	2	1%
Native American/People's Rights	2	1%

Multi-year Grants

Organizations that received general funding for 3 years

Arise for Social Justice
Springfield, Massachusetts

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
Merrimac, Wisconsin

Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens
Ider, Alabama

NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Fuerza Laboral - Power of Workers
Central Falls, Rhode Island

Jobs with Justice - Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island

Student/Farmworker Alliance
Immokalee, Florida

Vermont Workers' Center
Burlington, Vermont

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for
Community Advancement
Worcester, Massachusetts

Technical Assistance Grants

Organizations that received grants to enable them to increase their internal organizational skills and capacity

Fuerza Unida
San Antonio, Texas

Reflect and Strengthen
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Tennessee Alliance for Progress
Nashville, Tennessee

The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho
Boise, Idaho

Emergency Grants

Organizations that received grants to react quickly to unexpected organizing needs stemming from a political crisis

Arise for Social Justice
Springfield, Massachusetts

Center for Justice, Peace, and Environment
Fort Collins, Colorado

Direct Action Welfare Group
Charlestown, West Virginia

Jobs with Justice - Kentucky
Louisville, Kentucky

Economic Justice Coalition
Athens, Georgia

Nuclear Energy Information Service
Chicago, Illinois

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community among fishing families and maritime communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill.
Technical Assistance Grant.

United Mountain Defense. *Knoxville, Tennessee.* \$2,500 to protect Tennessee's watersheds, air, mountains and people.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER and QUEER (LGBTQ) RIGHTS

BreakOUT. *New Orleans, Louisiana.* \$1,300 to develop the leadership of LGBT youth to fight discriminatory policing practices by the New Orleans Police.

Human Dignity Coalition. *Bend, Oregon.* \$3,500 to advance and safeguard human rights, dismantle oppression and promote equality for the LGBTQ community in Central Oregon.

Out Now. *Springfield, Massachusetts.* \$2,600 to develop queer youth leadership through education and activist campaigns.

OUTreach Resource Center. *Ogden, Utah.* \$1,800 to build community and empower LGBTQ youth in a very homophobic area.

Pride at Work. *San Francisco, California.* \$4,000 to build alliances between organized labor and the LGBT community to organize around issues of social and economic justice.

Trans Youth Support Network. *Minneapolis, Minnesota.* \$3,000 to promote racial, social, and economic justice for trans youth, with the freedom to self-define gender identity and expression.

HEALTH, AIDS & DISABILITY RIGHTS

Freedom Center. *Northampton, Massachusetts.* \$2,000 to unite people with severe mental illness to organize against psychiatric abuse, oppression and to promote alternatives to mainstream care.

NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri. *St. Louis, Missouri.* \$2,000 to ensure every woman has the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices.

NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota. *Sioux Falls, South Dakota.* \$4,000 to improve access to reproductive services for all South Dakota women. *Multi-year Grant.*

NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin. *Madison, Wisconsin.* \$4,000 to ensure that women have the right to a full range of reproductive choices.

NARAL Pro-Choice Wyoming. *Laramie, Wyoming.* \$3,500 to ensure that all women are guaranteed meaningful access to a full range of reproductive choices.

New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. *Albuquerque, New Mexico.* \$3,000 to ensure reproductive justice through the power of religious communities and to counter the religious right's attack on reproductive justice in New Mexico.

LABOR and EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha. *Minneapolis, Minnesota.* \$3,000 to enable low-wage immigrant workers to organize for better wages and working conditions.

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Bay Area Solidarity Summer empowers South Asian teenagers through a three-night organizing camp where they learn about progressive issues and connect with other South Asian activists.

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Fuerza Laboral—Power of Workers.

Central Falls, Rhode Island. \$4,000 to empower immigrant and low-income workers to achieve fair, equal, and dignified working conditions. *Multi-year Grant.*

Jobs with Justice—Rhode Island. Providence, Rhode Island. \$4,000 for a coalition of labor, community, faith-based and student groups working for economic justice. *Multi-year Grant.*

Massachusetts Committee for Interfaith Worker Justice. Boston, Massachusetts. \$2,200 to empower labor, workers and faith-based community members to fight for fair wages, health benefits and job security.

Metrowest Worker Center. Framingham, Massachusetts. \$2,600 to enable immigrant workers to advocate for their rights.

South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice. Miami, Florida. \$1,500 to work towards workers' rights and promote access to fair employment.

Student/Farmworker Alliance. Immokalee, Florida. \$4,000 for a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. *Multi-year Grant.*

Vermont Migrant Farmworker Solidarity Project. Underhill, Vermont. \$2,200 to organize migrant farmwork-



Photo by Jim Noh

Nodutdol for Korean Community Development, in solidarity with Occupy Seoul, delivered a strong message at the South Korean Consulate in New York City against the Korea-US Free Trade Agreement.

ers and their allies for farmworker and food justice.

Vermont Workers' Center. Burlington, Vermont. \$4,000 to organize for economic justice, including livable wages, affordable health care and humane workplaces. *Multi-year Grant.*

Worker Center for Economic Justice. Lynn, Massachusetts. \$3,000 to address the problems of low-wage, non-union immigrant worker exploitation and abuse.

Workers' Dignity Project. Nashville, Tennessee. \$3,000 to empower low-wage workers to act collectively for

economic justice.

MEDIA and CULTURE

Fuerza Unida. San Antonio, Texas. \$500 to enable participants in the Summer Youth Leadership program to gain media skills as a means to organizing. *Technical Assistance Grant.*

The People's Press Project. S. Moorhead, Minnesota. \$3,000 to address media justice issues of access and equity in rural North Dakota and Minnesota.

MIDDLE EAST

Al-Awda New York. Brooklyn, New York. \$1,300 to empower Palestinian and Arab immigrant communities to organize for human and legal rights, including the Palestinian right of return.

Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine. Oak Park, Illinois. \$1,300 to build awareness of the complexity of issues involved in creating a just resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

NATIVE AMERICAN and NATIVE PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Indian People's Action. Butte, Montana. \$1,300 to advance the racial and social equality of Indian People in urban Montana areas.

Secwepemc Nation Youth Network. Arcata, California. \$2,000 to unite In-

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Sustaining RESISTance

"We are honored to list RESIST as a beneficiary to our developmentally disabled daughter's special needs trust fund. We have followed RESIST literally since its inception and have worked with numerous peace and justice organizations that have received grants from RESIST. We have sought to raise our daughter to identify with and support struggles for peace, justice and solidarity and she has participated in innumerable demonstrations and other activities in support of these struggles.

As we plan for the future, we can think of no better legacy for ourselves and for our daughter than to leave a major part of our family's assets to RESIST. It brings us great satisfaction to know that our family will continue to support peace, justice and solidarity after we are gone."

-Andy Berman and Terry Burke, St Louis Park, Minnesota



There are a variety of ways to support RESIST. For more information on making a tax-deductible contribution, donating stocks or securities, including a bequest in a will or life insurance policy, or designating RESIST as a beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan, contact RESIST's Director of Development Ravi Khanna at ravi@resistinc.org or 617-623-5110.

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indigenous People to defend their lands, waters, peoples and way of life.

PEACE and ANTI-MILITARISM

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. *Albuquerque, New Mexico.* \$4,000 to link individuals and organizations concerned with peace, social justice and economic issues. *Multi-year Grant.*

Civilian Soldier Alliance. *Baltimore, Maryland.* \$4,000 to work with veterans and active-duty service members to build a GI resistance movement towards a just foreign policy.

Courage to Resist. *Oakland, California.* \$3,500 to bring together community members, veterans and military families in support of GI resistance and counter-recruitment efforts.

Fort Hood Support Network. *Austin, Texas.* \$4,000 to create a safe space for service members, military families and veterans to discuss the hardships of military life, including command abuse, PTSD, sexual trauma, deployment and GI rights.

GI Voice. *Lake-wood, Wash-ington.* \$4,000 to create a safe space for service-mem-bers, military families and veterans to discuss the hardships of military life, including command abuse, PTSD, sexual trauma, deployment, and GI rights.

Kansas City Peace Planters Project. *Kansas City, Kansas.* \$3,000 to end the production of nuclear weapons in Kansas City, pursue healthcare justice for plant workers who have fallen ill and force the cleanup of the contami-nated production site.

Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Jus-tice. *Manhattan, Kansas.* \$2,000 for a broad based social justice organization that links peace and economic justice issues.

Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alli-



BreakOUT! in New Orleans, Louisiana held a vigil in memory of two LGBTQ community members who were murdered.

Photo by Matt Davis (www.thelensnola.org)

ance. *Oak Ridge, Tennessee.* \$2,000 to work for the end nuclear weapons production in Oak Ridge through public education and nonviolent direct action.

Peaceful Vocations. *Fort Worth, Texas.* \$2,000 to provide a counter-balance to the military's significant presence in the North Texas public schools and community.

Think Outside the Bomb. *Chimayo, New Mexico.* \$1,000 to educate and mobilize young people to actively resist nuclear weapons and power.

PRISONERS' RIGHTS

Alabama Women's Resource Network. *Birmingham, Alabama.* \$4,000 to reduce the women's prison population in Alabama and work toward reform of the criminal justice system.

Carolina Justice Policy Center. *Durham, North Carolina.* \$3,500 to promote death penalty reform, alternatives to incarceration and fair criminal justice policies in North Carolina.

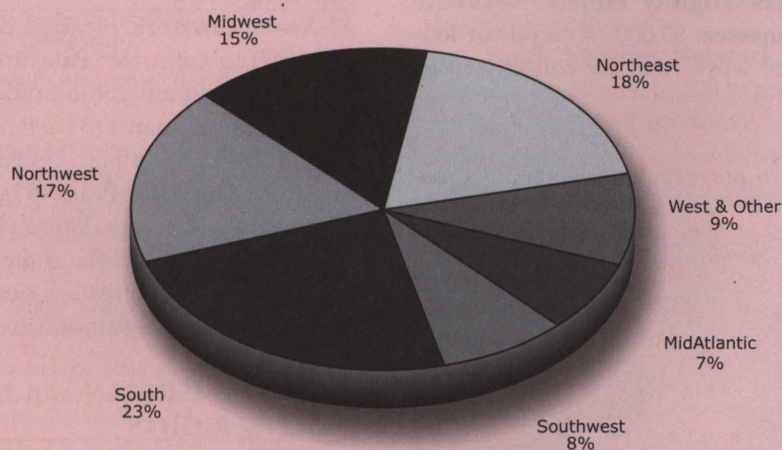
Coalition for Prisoners' Rights. *Sante Fe, New Mexico.* \$4,000 to work for system-ic change by challenging the social and economic injustice inherent in the US punishment system. *Multi-year Grant.*

Critical Resistance—New Orleans. *New Orleans, Louisiana.* \$4,000 to challenge thePrison Industrial Complex and work to build communities that be-lieve in securing basic needs, promot-ing self-determination and reducing harm.

Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EP-OCA). *Worcester, Massachusetts.* \$4,000

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Grant Distribution by Region



Northeast
Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hamp-shire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Midwest
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minneso-ta, Missouri, Nebraska, N. Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, S. Dakota, Wisconsin

South
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Ten-nessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Northwest
Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washing-ton, Wyoming

MidAtlantic
Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland

West & Other
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Puerto Rico

Southwest
Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada

What We Do: RESIST Grant Program

Since its founding in 1967, RESIST has awarded thousands of timely grants to radical and progressive organizations working for social justice.

General Support Grants

To help organizations build infrastructure and capacity while engaged in ongoing social justice organizing, RESIST grants provide general (rather than program-specific) support.

RESIST believes that general support grants allow groups to focus on strengthening their movement-building and cross-issue organizing capacity. Project funding sometimes causes organizations to jump through hoops to appeal to funders. General support enables groups to carry out their missions and respond to new opportunities and they also help to level the power imbalance between funders and grantees.

Multi-year Grants

Grantees who have been funded by RESIST at least two times during the

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preceding five years may apply for three-year general support grants. This allows groups to focus on longer term organizing while knowing that have a commitment to their work from RESIST.

Technical Assistance Grants

Many groups that apply to RESIST for funding also need other forms of assistance. Groups often require technical assistance to help with the nuts and bolts of starting, maintaining and developing progressive organizations.

In keeping with RESIST's goal of building movement infrastructure and capacity, RESIST awards up to \$500 to enable existing grantees to participate in technical assistance opportunities such as board and staff development, fundraising, fiscal management, computer and software training, internet activism, travel to activ-

ist gatherings and strategic planning.

These funds are available for grantees who have been funded at least twice within the last five years. Funds are available quarterly and are dispersed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Emergency Grants

Emergency Grants of up to \$500 are designed to help groups respond quickly to unexpected organizing needs stemming from a political crisis.

Accessibility Grants

To support projects that enable all people to participate in movements for social justice, RESIST will fund the additional costs of projects or events which will make them accessible to people with disabilities (e.g. signers for events or wheelchair accessible venues) for amounts up to \$3,000.

Funding Resources

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for an organization of ex-prisoners, felons, allies and family working for reform of the criminal justice system.
Multi-year Grant.

Fight for Lifers—West. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. \$2,000 to advocate for more humane and effective laws for state prisoners serving life sentences.

Justice Committee. New York, New York. \$4,000 to build a movement against police violence and systemic racism through community education and direct action.

Justice Works!. Lake Stevens, Washington. \$2,000 for a group of prisoners, ex-prisoners and allies organizing against racism in the criminal justice system.

Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty. Lincoln, Nebraska. \$1,000 to work towards abolishing the death penalty in Nebraska.

New York State Prisoner Justice Network. Albany, New York. \$4,000 for a statewide network seeking to change the culture and practice of criminal justice and incarceration in New York.

Out for Justice. Baltimore, Maryland. \$2,000 to reform the institutional barriers that exist for successful reentry of ex-prisoners.

Prison Activist Resource Center. Oakland, California. \$2,600 to expose and challenge the institutionalized oppressions in the prison industrial complex.

Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty. Lanett, Alabama. \$4,000 to work with prisoners, advocates and allies to abolish the death penalty in Alabama.
Multi-year Grant.

The Other Death Penalty Project. Lancaster, California. \$2,200 to organize prisoners and their allies to end life without parole as alternative to the death penalty and to work for meaningful rehabilitation strategies.

The Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. \$4,000 to empower young people incarcerated in adult jails.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

9to5 Los Angeles. Los Angeles, California. \$3,500 to work for economic justice for women through advocacy, public education, leadership development and direct action campaigns.

Brazilian Women's Group. Allston, Massachusetts. \$2,000 to promote political and cultural awareness to develop leadership, empowerment and solidarity among Brazilian women.

Fuerza Unida. San Antonio, Texas. \$3,000 to empower women workers and their families to achieve social, economic and environmental justice.

Multi-year Grant.

GABRIELA USA. Carson, California. \$1,000 to struggle for the liberation of all oppressed Filipino women while participating in a broader movement for Filipino.

Women Encouraging Empowerment. Revere, Massachusetts. \$1,300 to empower women in their local communities to become lead organizers for social change.

YOUTH

3rd Eye Youth Empowerment. New Bedford, Massachusetts. \$4,000 to develop youth leadership through mentoring, skill building and social justice organizing campaigns.
Multi-year Grant.

BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth. Oakland, California. \$4,000 to empower youth to resist aggressive military recruiting.
Multi-year Grant.

Reflect and Strengthen. Dorchester, Massachusetts. \$500 to enable the organization to have a smooth transition as founding members transition out and new leaders take over.
Technical Assistance Grant.

STAY Project (Stay Together Appalachian Youth!). Whitesburg, Kentucky. \$4,000 to train youth leaders to organize in their communities around basic human rights.